

Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160. XM radio should be allowed to provide weather and traffic information to its listeners. The market share that XM holds is small and these stations are used exclusively for traffic and weather information that can be obtained using wireless phones less safely. The traditional radio stations force the listener to sit through their music and commentary and barely cover the areas that are important to drivers. It's hard for out-of-towners to know which stations to listen to to get updates, so they miss the updates and contribute to road clogging. Local listeners know when and where to listen to stations to get the information that they need. Satellite radio is easily tuned to the area being visited. This will make road travel safer. The National Association of Broadcasters can compete using traditional capitalist competition standards. If they can provide a broadcast that is as easily found and as informative as XM, then they will beat XM and get their market share back. Thank you.

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